



*Report to the
Auburn City Council*

Agenda Item No.

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City Manager's Approval

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Robert Richardson, City Manager
Date: February 22, 2010
Subject: Proposal to Designate Properties on to The National Historic Register

The Issue

Shall the City Council hear a presentation by Councilman Holmes on his work to designate several public and private properties on the National Historic Register?

Conclusion and Recommendation

That the City Council hear the presentation by Councilman Holmes and provide direction to staff.

Background

Councilman Holmes has been working independently with members of the community to have several public and private buildings places on the National Historic Register.

Alternatives

Approve recommendation.
Deny recommendation.
Request staff analysis.

Fiscal Impact

Typically, renovation costs on designated structures are higher due to SHIPO requirements however staff has not performed an analysis on this issue. Additionally, grant funds are also periodically available to assist in property renovation.

Attachments

Memo from Councilman Holmes.

AUBURN BUILDINGS NOMINATED FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER

The following buildings in the City of Auburn are in the process of being nominated for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Old Town Auburn is already registered as a Historic District.

1. Old Town Firehouse
2. Odd Fellows Hall
3. Auburn Grammar School (current City Hall)
4. Masonic Building
5. Old City Hall (former Boys and Girls site)
6. Carnegie Library
7. St. Luke's Church
8. Placer County Bank Building (current Union Bank)
9. Auburn Drug Company
10. El Dorado Street Firehouse

The California State Office of Historical Preservation is processing the nominations and has requested we submit a letter of support or non-support for the city owned properties. Privately owned properties have received individual letters requesting any comments.

Once the nomination is completed the Office of Historical Preservation will schedule a hearing before the State Historical Resources Commission at a future meeting. If approved, the nomination will be forwarded to the Department of the Interior for a final determination.

I believe listing on the National Register will provide the city with additional tourist interest in the Auburn area.